

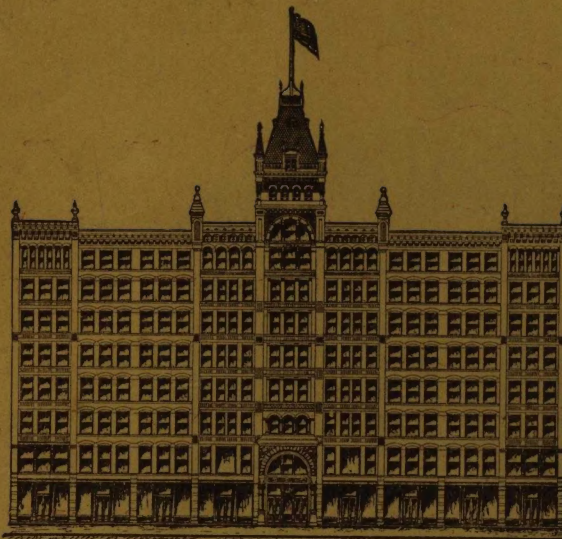
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THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

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HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State.



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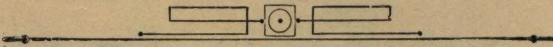
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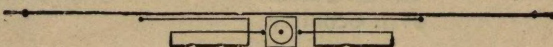
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The Home Library Association.



THE question, "What is THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION?" is frequently asked by those who have not personally experienced the advantages of membership. The answer is very simple:

It is the original and only responsible organization of the kind in the United States—a Society of Publishers and Book Manufacturers, duly incorporated, and organized for the purpose of supplying DIRECT TO THE PEOPLE, without the services of middlemen, the most desirable editions of the writings of the world's greatest authors.

THE PLAN OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The expenses of the book-publishing business are of two kinds: those of *production*, which include the cost of type-setting, electrotyping, paper, printing, binding, and authors' royalties; and those of *distribution*, or placing the books in the hands of readers. These latter include advertising expenses, jobbers' expenses and profits, wholesale dealers' expenses and profits, and retail dealers' expenses and profits; thus making three profits from the time the book leaves the manufacturer until it reaches the reader.

It is a fact not generally known, that the second class of these expenses is almost always equal to, and often absolutely greater than, the first. There are a sufficient number of readers for every good book that is published; but to search these readers out from among the sixty millions of people in the United States, to bring the book properly to their notice, and to induce them to buy it, is a difficult and costly piece of work. The daily paper which sells on the news-stand for two cents is produced by the publisher at a cost of one cent—one cent is all *he* receives for editing, printing and publishing it; the other cent defrays the cost of distribution. In the same way the book-publisher frequently receives only forty or fifty cents for a book which costs the reader one dollar; the other fifty to sixty cents is absorbed by the expenses of distribution.

The secret of the success of the Home Library Association is, that it avoids all this expense of distribution; bringing the reader face to face with the manufacturer and publisher without the usual costly machinery of advertisements, and without the jobbers' and wholesale and retail dealers' expenses and profits.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Every member of this Association becomes at once, by virtue of his membership, a wholesale purchaser of books, entitled to wholesale prices, trade discounts and all the other privileges of that class. Whether he buys one book or fifty, it is all the same: he deals directly with the manufacturer or publisher, and avoids all the onerous expenses and profits of middlemen.

The Association delivers to each member a catalogue of standard and miscellaneous books, giving the net wholesale prices at which these books may be purchased by members. It also furnishes, to those interested in that class of publications, a catalogue of all the school and text books published, with the regular net wholesale prices. A catalogue of sheet and book music, at

liberal discounts, is also provided. Special rates are secured for members on all the leading magazines and periodicals, and the Association has also established a Book Exchange, which offers excellent advantages for obtaining or exchanging rare or expensive works, not usually obtainable through the book-stores.

The great advantage of being a member of such an Association is apparent, and it is certainly also an advantage to be able to communicate with a responsible establishment, to which one can send for anything in the book or music line, with the assurance that the price will be the lowest possible. Members also have the privilege of making inquiry regarding any author or his works, and such inquiries will always receive careful and prompt attention.

HOW ARE THESE ADVANTAGES SECURED?

By thorough organization. The whole secret lies in that, and in that alone. The tens of thousands of members of THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION are all enrolled on the membership registers. They form a compact, well-organized body of book-buyers, and through the Association they deal with the book-publishers as one man. No publisher could afford to give a single isolated book-buyer the advantages offered to members of such an Association; but when each single buyer is a unit in a vast organization, *whose other units are buying at the same time*, any book-publisher is only too glad to open his doors to such an army of purchasers, and to give them advantages which even the largest wholesale dealers might ask for in vain.

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION was incorporated December 30, 1884. Its design was to furnish at wholesale prices a limited number of books. The plan met with such hearty approbation, however, that its projectors were soon encouraged to extend the advantages of membership by supplying, at wholesale prices, any and all books found in the trade. The first catalogue of the Association was a very modest one, containing only twenty-four pages. A limited number of these were printed, but soon a second edition became necessary. This appeared early in 1885, enlarged to thirty-two pages. New editions were made repeatedly in 1886, and by April of that year the catalogue had grown to sixty-four closely printed pages.

On May 26, 1886, the building occupied by the Association was completely destroyed by fire, nothing being saved except the plates stored in fire-proof vaults. Even the membership records were destroyed, but these were largely replaced by agents of the Association who had preserved memoranda of certificates issued. The loss sustained by the Association was only partly covered by insurance; but even before the ruins were cold, the work was commenced of getting the business and the organization again in working order. A temporary office was at first secured at 312 Dearborn Street, and then temporary quarters were engaged at 181 to 189 Wabash Avenue, the press-rooms being located at 140-142 Monroe Street and the bindery at 182-184 Monroe Street. Happily, reserve stocks of books at branch offices in the East enabled us to fill orders from members without perceptible delay, and within one month after the conflagration the entire machinery of the business was again in smooth running order. Early in 1886 an entirely revised catalogue was issued, fully double the size of the previous issue, and with still further reductions in prices. In May, 1887, the Association removed to new and permanent quarters at 407-425 Dearborn Street, where the offices and all the mechanical departments are now located under one roof. From that time on the growth of the Association was even more rapid. Constant additions were made to the catalogue, and prices at the same time were gradually and constantly reduced. At the present time the Association can boast of having the largest and most complete catalogue ever issued. A glance through its pages will show that

all the leading publishing houses are represented, and that the books described include the writings of every important author for whose works there is a demand.

The Association has grown rapidly in membership. At the end of the second year nearly one hundred thousand members had been enrolled, and this number was doubled in 1887. The business of the Association in that year was more than three times that of the year preceding, and ten times that of 1885. Such liberal use has been made of the benefits afforded members, that their orders aggregate hundreds of thousands of volumes in the course of a year, frequently reaching over 5,000 books in a single day. All of this business is done on a strictly cash basis, the Association buying and selling only for cash, which enables it to avail itself of the very best discounts on all purchases, giving it extraordinary advantages in manufacturing its own publications and in purchasing those of other publishers. Frequently the Association has been justified in buying entire editions of standard works, and in such cases it has been enabled to supply to members single copies at lower prices than are usually quoted to wholesale or jobbing book-merchants buying in large quantities.

Early in the career of THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION it became evident, even to those who had watched its inception with doubts and misgivings, that it was no longer an experiment. The fire of May 26, 1886, demonstrated that the organization even then had sufficient strength to overcome in a few days a disaster which would have completely destroyed more pretentious enterprises. The growth of the Association demonstrates it an established success and guarantees its permanency. Heretofore the only difficulty has been in systematizing the work of an establishment whose increase has been so phenomenal that arrangements and machinery planned on the most sanguine calculations have been repeatedly found inadequate.

"Imitation is the sincerest flattery." The truth of this aphorism was never more clearly demonstrated than in the case of THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Since its inception, scores of imitators have sprung up, but it is still the only responsible organization of its kind—the only one whose officers and managers are actually engaged in the manufacture as well as in the sale of books—the only one with a membership large enough to enable it to manufacture or purchase entire editions for its own exclusive needs—the only one dealing directly with other publishers—and the only one carrying at all times a full line of everything offered in its catalogue.

It is nothing unusual now to see in the newspapers of the larger cities advertisements announcing the sale of books at what are claimed to be phenomenal reductions. Very often these announcements are from so-called book-stores run as attachments to dry goods establishments. The intelligent book-buyer, investigating the statements of such advertisers, will find, however, nine times out of ten, that the books advertised are not what he wants. Generally the advertiser places on sale a few "leaders," bought probably at an auction sale, perhaps even shop-worn, or, if otherwise, inferior editions which have been "manufactured" for the purpose—books to be sold, not read. It may happen, of course, that a book-dealer will sell, for a limited time, really good books at actually low prices—perhaps even below cost—but no book-seller can afford or will pretend even temporarily to supply at wholesale price anything which a book-buyer may want. The Association, on the other hand, makes it a rule to supply at wholesale price any and every book a member may ask for, at any time, the price depending entirely on the actual market value—the cost of manufacture or purchase—which temporary competition cannot affect. And in each case it will be the endeavor of the Association to furnish the best edition at the price quoted.


The benefits of the Association have not been confined to its members only. By encouraging the general taste for literature it stimulates the demand for books among all classes, and

by inciting competition it has had the effect of materially reducing the standard of prices. There is no doubt, however, that, were it not for the Association, prices would rapidly go up to the figures prevailing generally before its inception.

Anything which increases the demand for books and the desire for reading is beneficial to the general publishing interests, and the more progressive publishers of this country do not hesitate to encourage the Association in its work, although many of them at the beginning of its career placed every possible obstacle in the way of its success. Books are a necessity. Nevertheless prices have been and are even now so high as to make them luxuries. Book-sellers generally ought to learn from the success of THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION that the love for books is not confined to a small portion of the people; it is only necessary to establish a reasonable margin of profit to vastly increase the possibilities of the business.

This is an age of "trusts" and "monopolies." Many of these flourish openly and consequently attract general attention. Others flourish in a quiet way, unsuspected, but exerting an influence equally pernicious. Certain branches of the book trade are not exempt from this evil, and the cost of many school books, law books and medical books is fixed by combinations whose influence it may take years to successfully counteract. It is only through such an agency as THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION that successful attacks on firmly established combinations can be made. The Association has already done much in making the selling price of the general run of books correspond with actual values. With a rapidly growing membership, its influence and field of usefulness are also expanding, and its power for good increases day by day. In the immediate future its efforts will be directed toward the combinations mentioned, and we hope to effect especially beneficial results in the reduction of the scale of prices governing many of the most popular and indispensable school, medical and law books. In fact, no pains will be spared until THE HOME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION accomplishes the full scope of its plans and completely realizes the hopes based upon it by its members.

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
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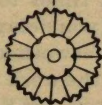
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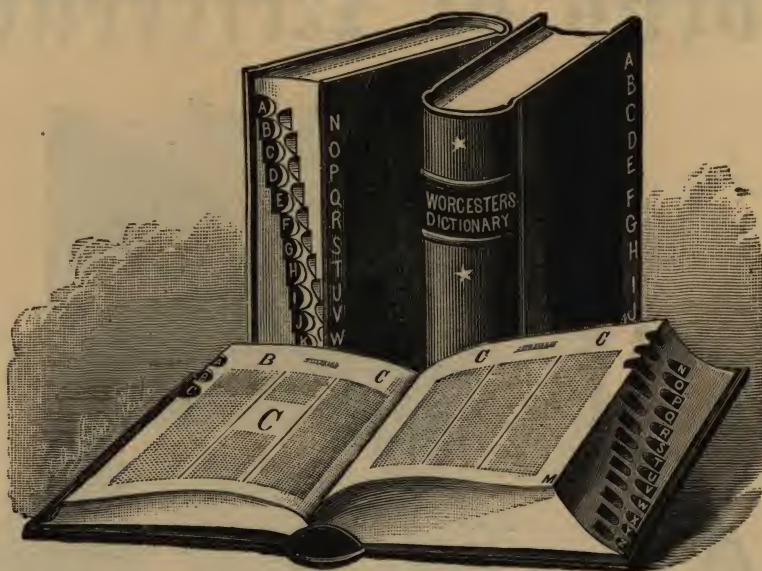
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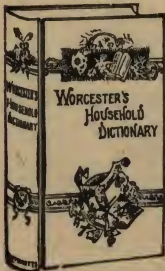
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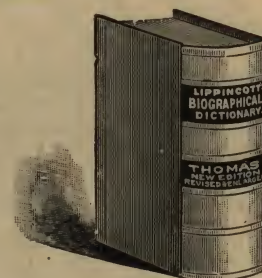
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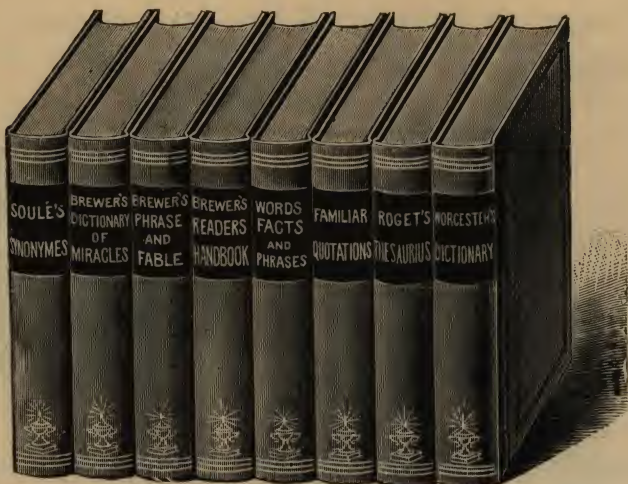
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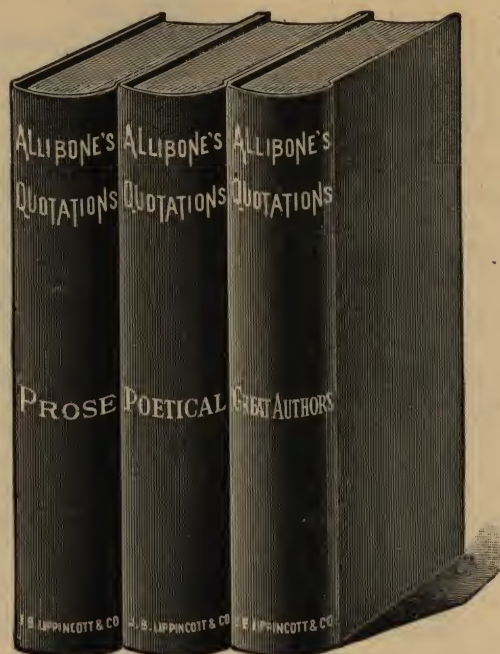
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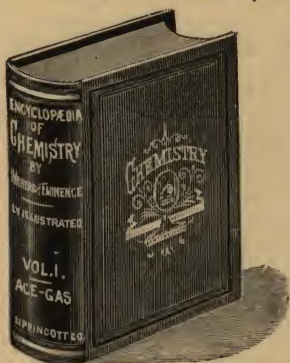
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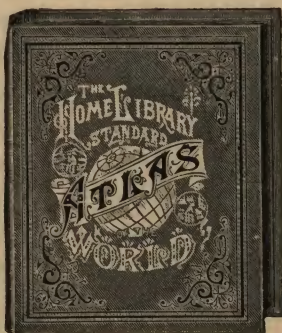
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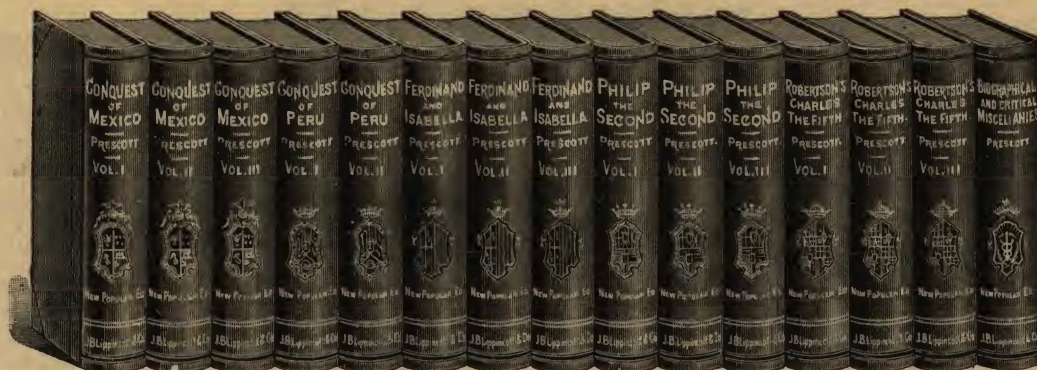
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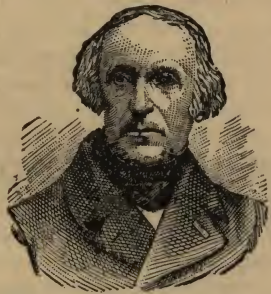
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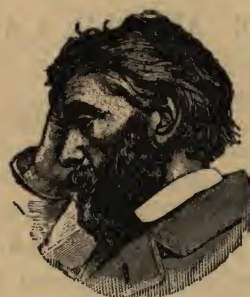
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they must be named here in order to mark their exact opposition to the foiled system. In their simplest form, represented by *c*, Fig. XVI., they have no representatives in good architecture, being evidently weak and meagre; but approximations to them exist in late Gothic, as in the vile cathedral of Orleans, and in modern cast-iron shafts. In their fully developed form they are the Greek Doric, *a*, Fig. XVI., and occur in caprices of the Romanesque and Italian Gothic: *d*, Fig. XVI., is from the Duomo of Monza.

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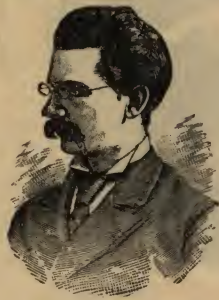
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"Oh, let them come," exclaimed Mrs. Bardell, frantically; "I'll never leave you—dear, kind, good soul;" and with these words Mrs. Bardell clung the tighter.

"Mercy upon me," said Mr. Pickwick, struggling violently, "I hear somebody coming up the stairs. Don't, don't, there's a good creature, don't." But entreaty and remonstrance were alike unavailing: for Mrs. Bardell had fainted in Mr. Pickwick's arms; and before he could gain time to deposit her on a chair Master Bardell entered the room, ushering in Mr. Tupman, Mr. Winkle, and Mr. Snodgrass.

Mr. Pickwick was struck motionless and speechless. He stood with his lovely burden in his arms, gazing vacantly on the countenances of his friends, without the slightest attempt at recognition or explanation. They, in their turn, stared at him; and Master Bardell, in his turn, stared at everybody.

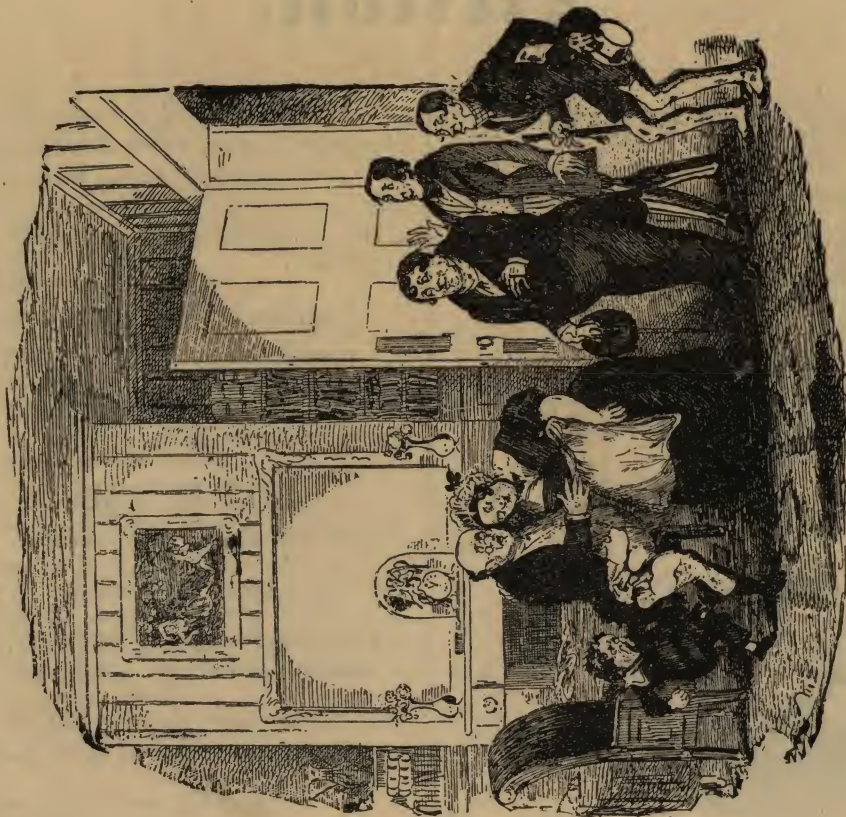
The astonishment of the Pickwickians was so absorbing, and the perplexity of Mr. Pickwick was so extreme, that they might have remained in exactly the same relative situations until the suspended animation of the lady was restored, had it not been for a most beautiful and touching expression of filial affection on the part of her youthful son. Clad in a tight suit of corduroy, spangled with brass buttons of a very considerable size, he at first stood at the door astounded and uncertain; but by degrees the impression that his mother must have suffered some personal damage pervaded his partially developed mind, and considering Mr. Pickwick as the aggressor, he set up an appalling and semi-earthly kind of howling, and butting forward with his head, commenced assailing that immortal gentleman about the back and legs, with such blows and pinches as the strength of his arm, and the violence of his excitement, allowed.

"Take this little villain away," said the agonized Mr. Pickwick, "he's mad."

"What *is* the matter?" said the three tongue-tied Pickwickians.

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But it seemed that the decoration of the altar and its recess was not complete. For part of the floor was strewn with a confusion of flowers and green boughs, and among them sat a delicate blue-eyed girl of thirteen, tossing her long light-brown hair out of her eyes, as she made selections for the wreaths she was weaving, or looked up at her mother's work in the same kind, and told her how to do it with a little air of instruction.

For that mother was not very clever at weaving flowers or at any other work. Tessa's fingers had not become more adroit with the years—only very much fatter. She got on slowly and turned her head about a good deal, and asked Ninna's opinion with much deference; for Tessa never ceased to be astonished at the wisdom of her children. She still wore her contadina gown: it was only broader than the old one; and there was the silver pin in her rough curly brown hair, and round her neck the memorable necklace, with a red cord under it, that ended mysteriously in her bosom. Her rounded face wore even a more perfect look of childish content than in her younger days: everybody was so good in the world, Tessa thought; even Monna Brigida never found fault with her now, and did little else than sleep, which was an amiable practice in everybody, and one that Tessa liked for herself.

Monna Brigida was asleep at this moment, in a straight-backed arm-chair, a couple of yards off. Her hair, parting backward under her black hood, had that soft whiteness which is not like snow or anything else, but is simply the lovely whiteness of aged hair. Her chin had sunk on her bosom, and her hands rested on the elbow of her chair. She had not been weaving flowers or doing anything else: she had only been looking on as usual, and as usual had fallen asleep.

The other two figures were seated farther off, at the wide doorway that opened on to the loggia. Lillo sat on the ground with his back against the angle of the door-post, and his long legs stretched out, while he held a large book open on his knee, and occasionally made a dash with his hand at an inquisitive fly, with an air of interest stronger than that excited by the finely-printed copy of Petrarch which he kept open at one place, as if he were learning something by heart.

Romola sat nearly opposite Lillo, but she was not observing him. Her hands were crossed on her lap and her eyes were fixed absently on the distant mountains: she was evi-

Zobeir was acknowledged as Caliph in Mecca, Medina, and throughout Arabia, as also in Khorassan, in Babylonia, and in Egypt.

Another candidate for the supreme power unexpectedly arose in Obeid'allah Ibn Ziyad, the emir of Bassora, the same who had caused the massacre of Hosein. He harangued an assembly of the people of Bassora on the state of the contending factions in Syria and Arabia; the importance of their own portion of the empire, so capable of sustaining itself in independence, and the policy of appointing some able person as a protector to watch over the public weal until these dissensions should cease, and a Caliph be unanimously appointed. The assembly was convinced by his reasoning, and urged him to accept the appointment. He declined it repeatedly, with political grace, but was at length prevailed upon; and the leaders gave him their hands, promising allegiance to him as a provisional chief, until a Caliph should be regularly elected. His authority, however, was but of short duration. The people of Cufa, who had experienced his tyranny as governor, rejected with scorn his election as protector; their example reacted upon the fickle Bassorians, who suddenly revoked their late act of allegiance, rose in tumultuous opposition to the man they had so recently honored, and Obeid'allah was fain to disguise himself in female attire, and take refuge in the house of an adherent. During his sway, however, he had secured an immense amount of gold from the public treasury. This he now shared among his partisans, and distributed by handfuls among the multitude; but though he squandered in this way above two hundred thousand pieces of gold upon the populace, and raised a few transient tumults in his favor, he was ultimately obliged to fly for his life, and his effects were pillaged by the rabble. So fared it with the temporary tyrant who smote the gory head of the virtuous Hosein.

He fled by night at the head of only a hundred men; after a time weariness compelled him to exchange the camel on which he was mounted for an ass. In this humble plight, with drooping head, and legs dangling to the ground, journeyed the imperious Obeid'allah, who, but the day before, was governor of Babylonia, and aspired to the throne of the Caliphs. One of his attendants, noticing his dejection, and hearing him mutter to himself, supposed him smitten with contrition, and upbraiding himself with having incurred these calamities, as a judgment for the death of Hosein: he ventured to suggest his



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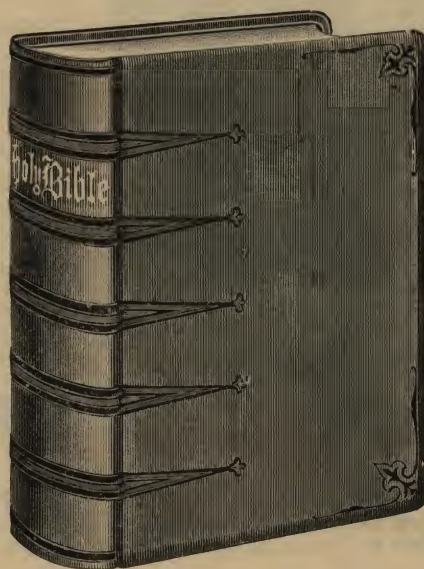
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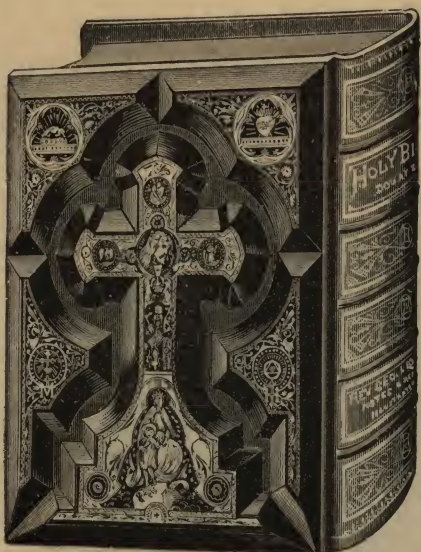
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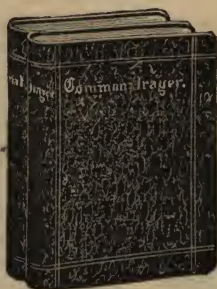
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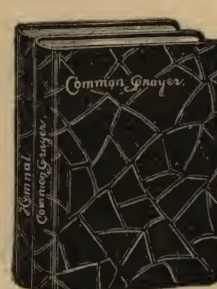
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ch. 44. 32. Philom. 19. 19.	9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:
8 Or, twice by day.	10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.
4 ch. 22. 20. Prov. 18. 16. ch. 37. 26. Jer. 6. 23.	11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this: take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:
ch. 42. 20, 25.	12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand: peradventure it was an oversight:
	13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:
	23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.
Before CHRIST 1707.	24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.
2 Heb. your money stand to me.	25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.
ch. 18. 4. & 24. 52.	26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.
ch. 37. 7, 10.	27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?
3 Heb. peace, ch. 37. 14.	28 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. ¶ And they bowed down before his head, and made obeisance.
4 Heb. Is there peace to your father? ch. 42. 11, 12. ch. 37. 7, 10.	29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your

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2 Heb. the height of the people. Gen. 3. 17. Num. 33. 33.	4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.
4 Mal. 4. 6.	5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.
ch. 16. 8, 9. Joel 1. 10, 12.	6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.
Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10. Ezek. 26. 13. Hos. 2. 11. Rev. 18. 22.	7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.
	8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.
	9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
	10 The city of confusion is broken.
	transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.
	21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.
	22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.
	23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.
	CHAPTER XXV.
	1 The prophet praiseth God, for his judgments, 6 for his saving benefits, 9 and for his victorious salvation.
	O LORD, thou art my God: I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are
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	2 Heb. visit upon, Ps. 76. 12.
	3 Heb. with the gathering of prisoners.
	4 Or, dungeon.
	5 Or, found wanting.
	ch. 13. 10. & 61. 19.
	Ezek. 32. 7.
	Joel 2. 31. & 3. 15.
	Rev. 18. 4, 6.
	Heb. 12. 22.
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^b 2 Chr. 32. 31. 2 Or, apicery.	2 ^b And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ² precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his ³ armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.		^a Ps. 103. 16. ^a John 12. 34. 1 Pet. 1. 25. 2 Or, O thou that tellest good tid- ings to Zion, ch. 41. 27. & 52. 7. 3 Or, O thou that tellest good tid- ings to Je- rusalem. 4 Or, against the strong. ch. 59. 15. ch. 62. 11. Rev. 2. 12. 5 Or, re- compence	
3 Or, jewels. 4 Heb. ves- sels, or, in- struments. 712.	3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet un- to king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, <i>even</i> from Babylon.			
	4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my trea- sures that I have not shewed them.			
		fadeth: because ^o the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people <i>is</i> grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fad- eth: but ^a the word of our God shall stand for ever. 9 ¶ ² O Zion, that bringest good tid- ings, get thee up into the high moun- tain; ³ O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift <i>it</i> up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, the LORD GOD will come ⁴ with strong <i>hand</i> , and ⁴ his arm shall rule for him: behold, ⁴ his reward <i>is</i> with him, and ⁵ his work before him. 11 He shall ¹ feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry <i>them</i> in his bosom, and shall gently lead those ⁶ that are with young. 12 ¶ ^m Who hath measured the waters		

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^b 1 Sam. 24. 15. Ps. 35. 1. Mic. 7. 9. ^c ver. 40. ^d Job 5. 4. 2 Or, Many. ^e ver. 149.	154 ^b Plead my cause, and deliver me: ^c quicken me according to thy word. 155 ^a Salvation <i>is</i> far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes. 156 ² Great <i>are</i> thy tender mercies, O LORD: ^c quicken me according to thy judgments. 157 Many <i>are</i> my persecutors and mine enemies; <i>yet</i> do I not ^d decline from thy testimonies. 158 I beheld the transgressors, and ^e was grieved; because they kept not thy word.			
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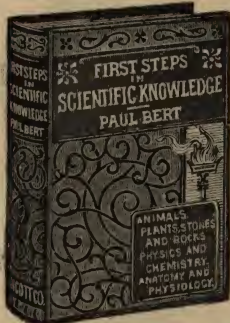
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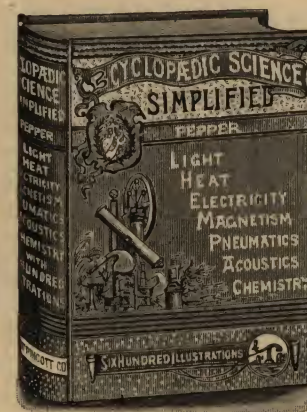
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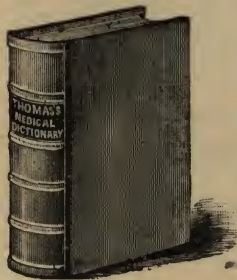
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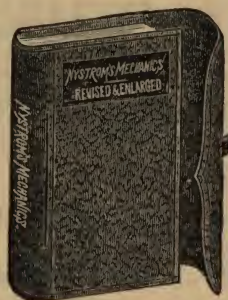
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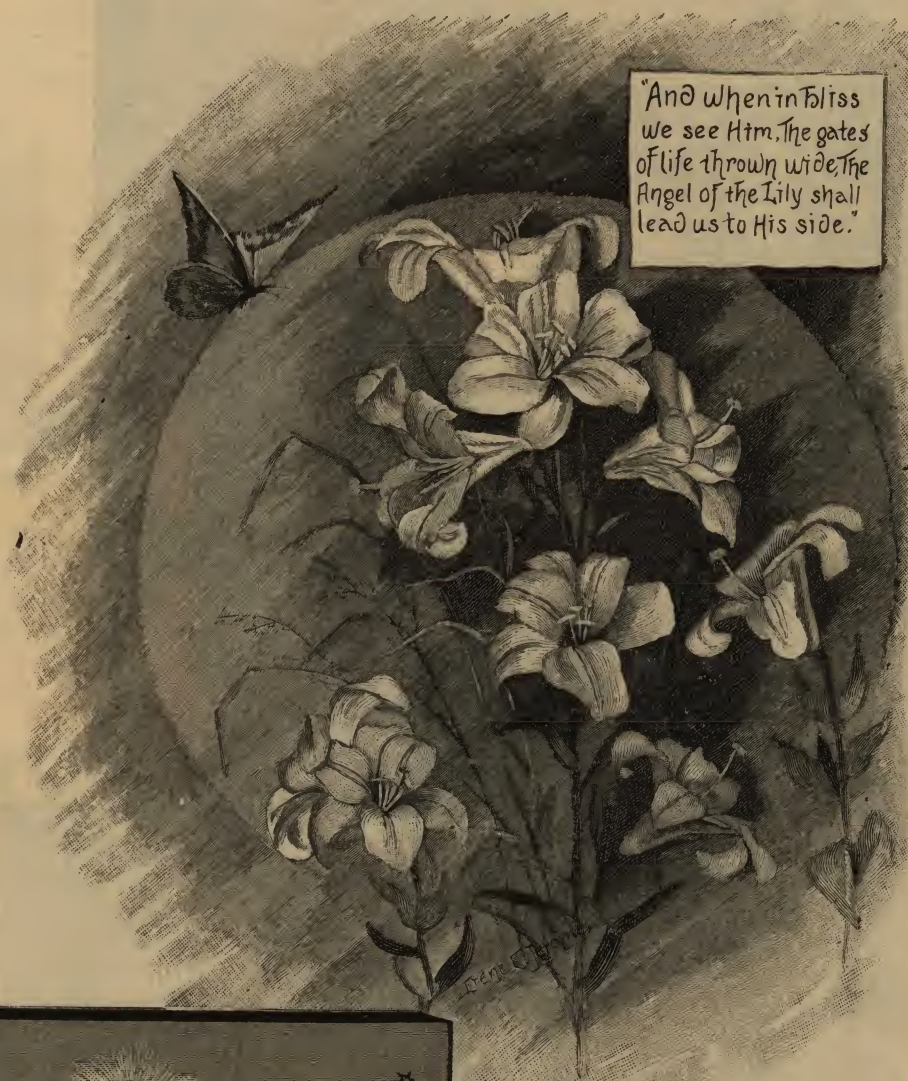
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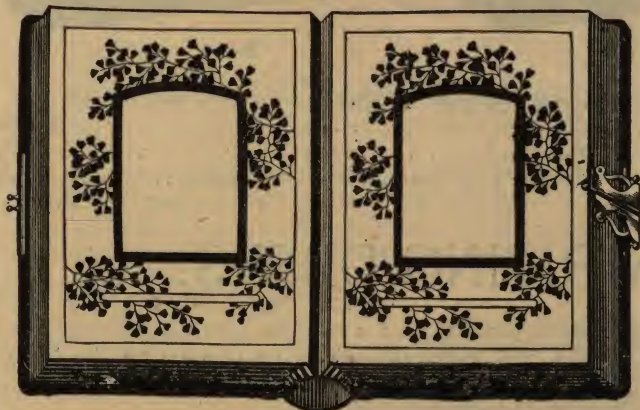
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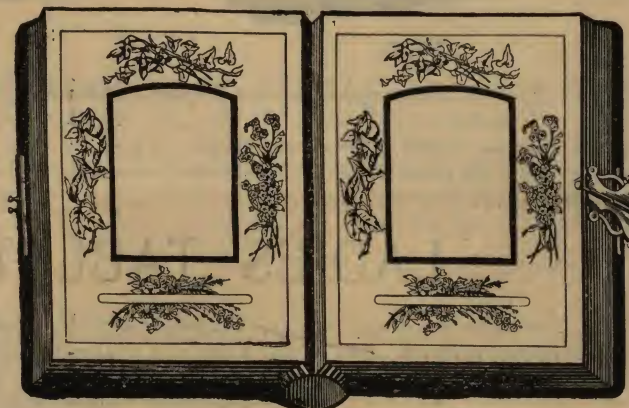
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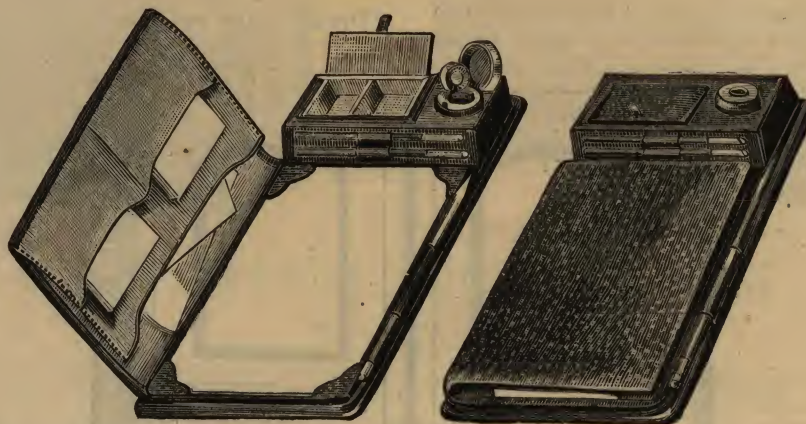


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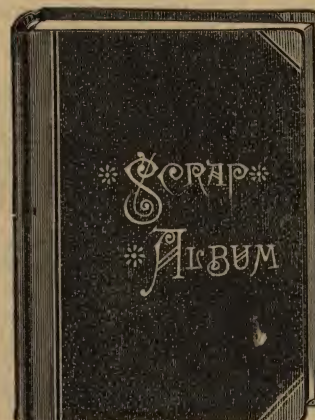
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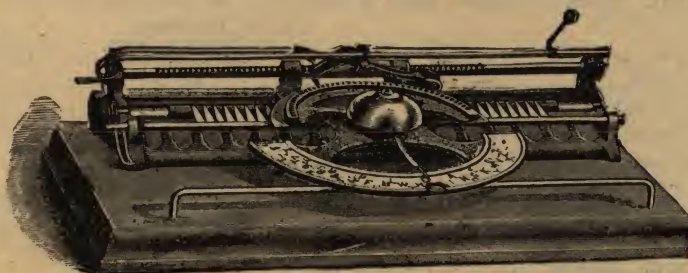


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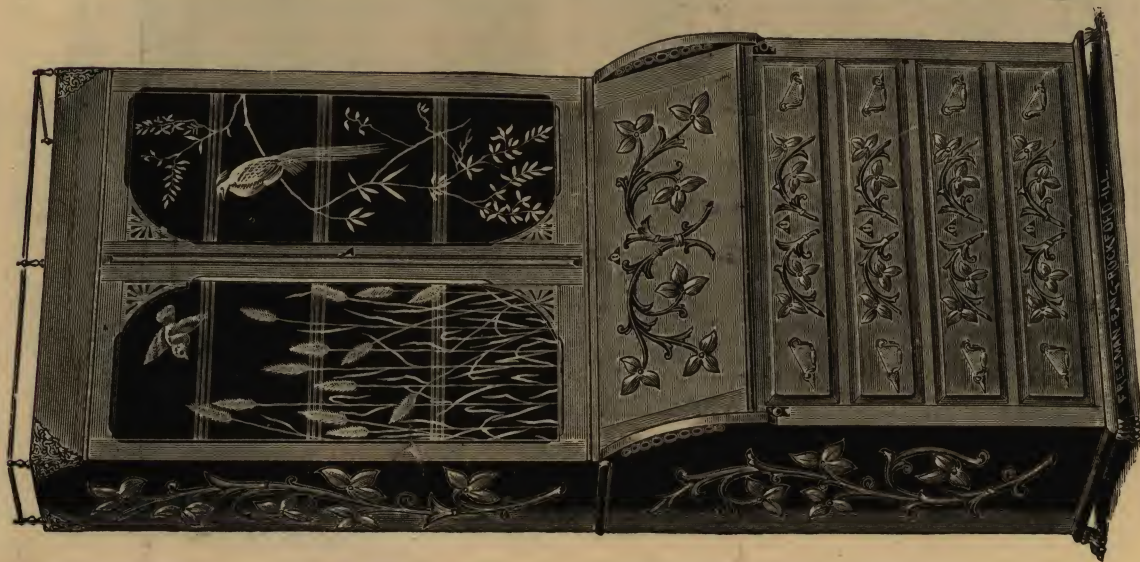
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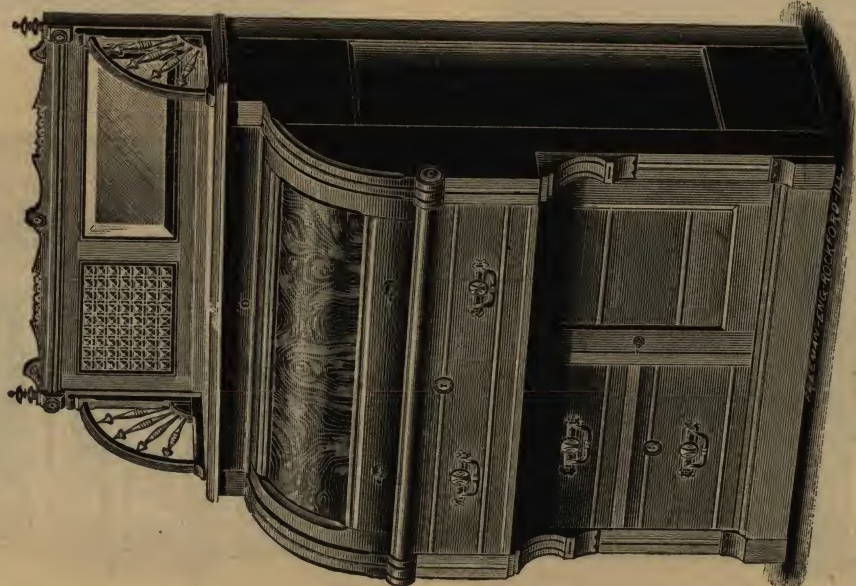


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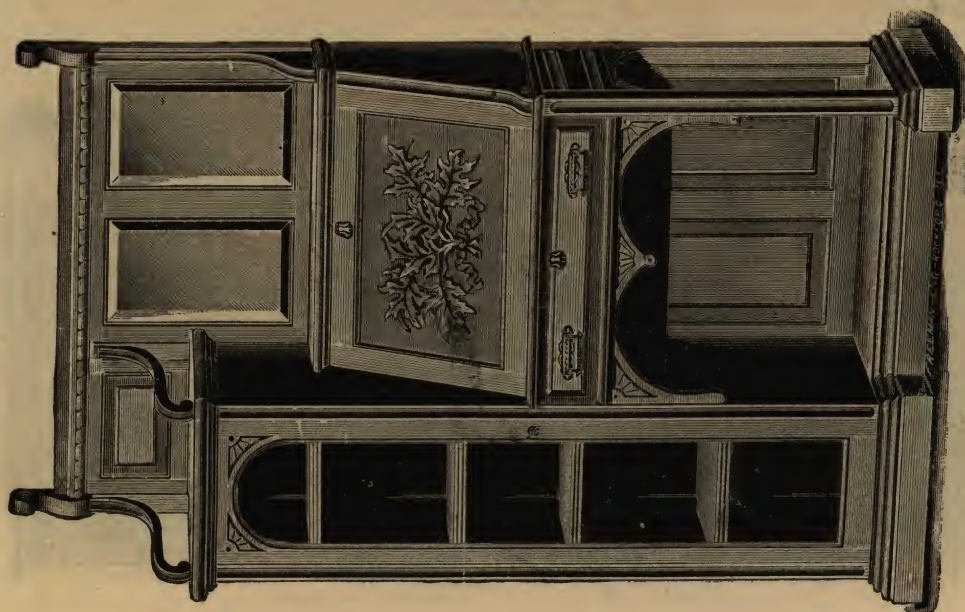


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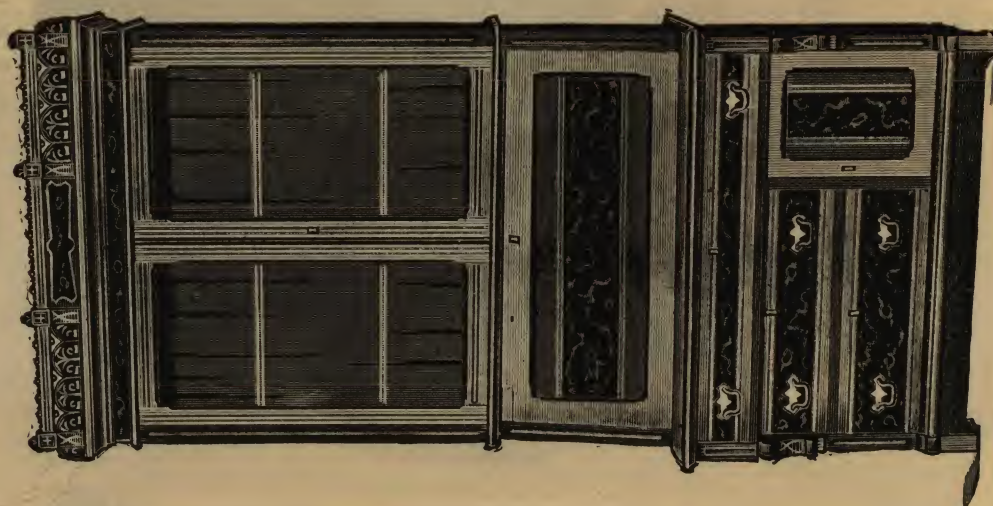
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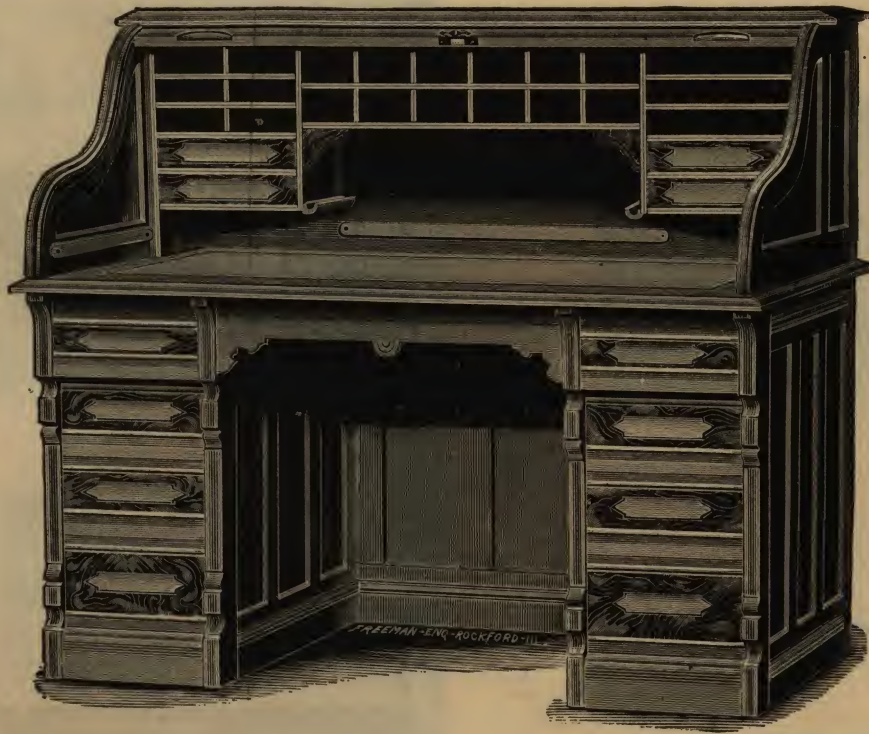


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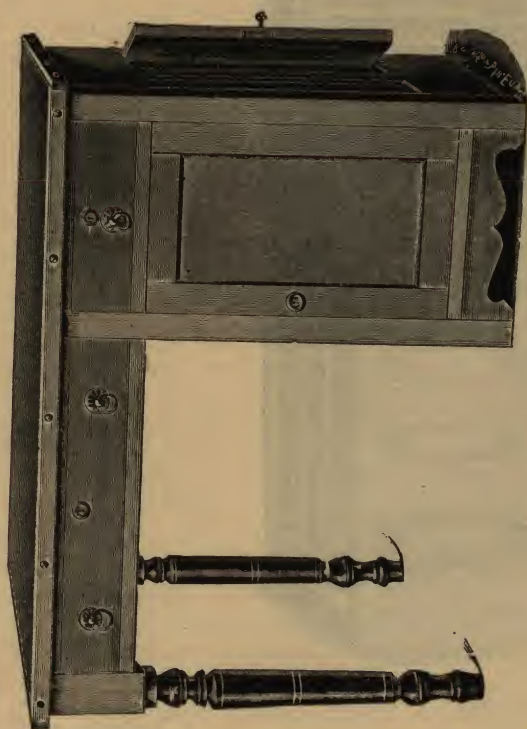
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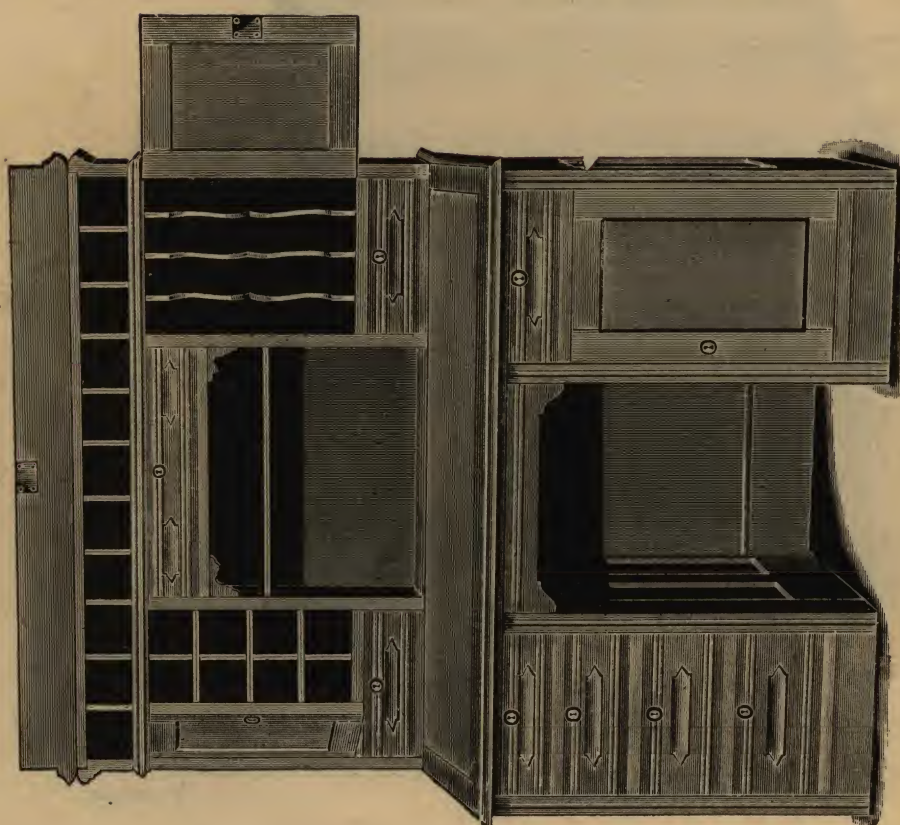
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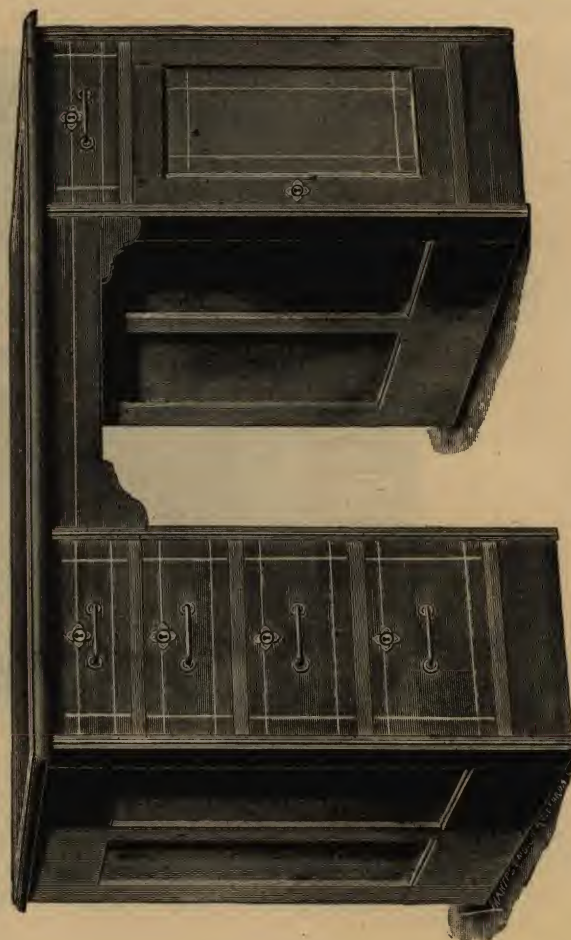
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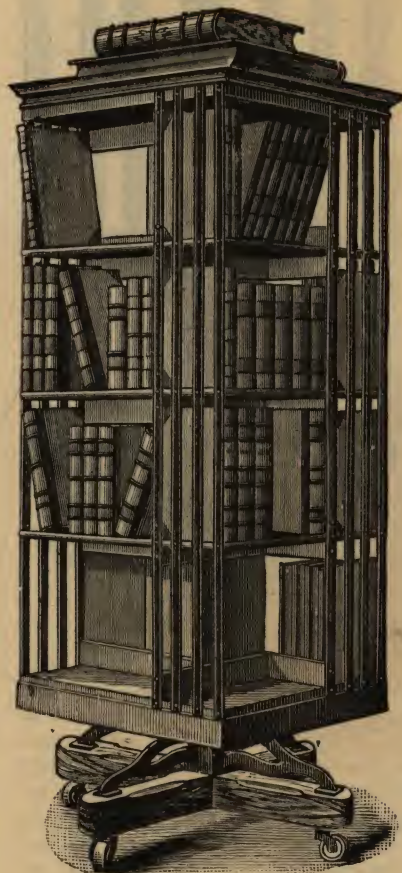
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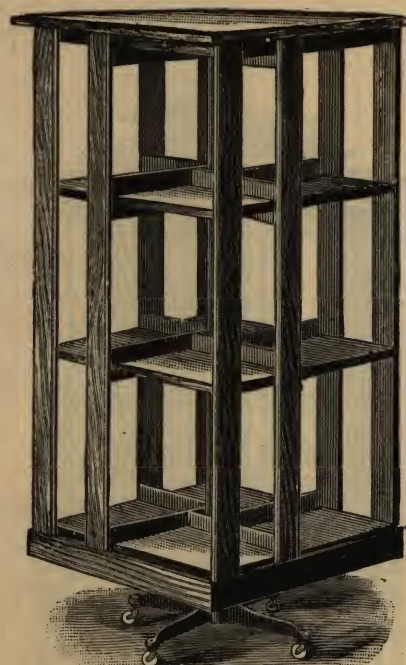


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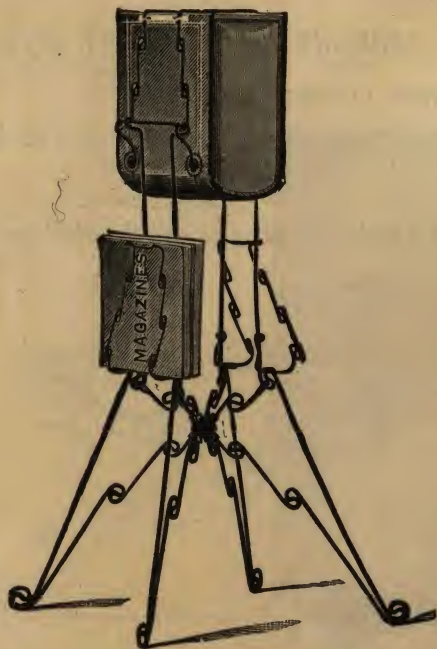
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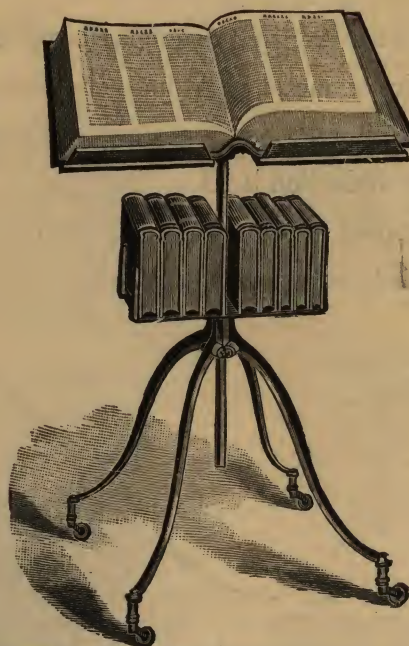
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The discussions concerning books which this list brought forth are perhaps more interesting than the list itself; they disclose the ideas of eminent men concerning what they deem the great books of the world.

Sir John Lubbock's First List.

THIS was published January 11, 1886. He purposely "excludes (1) works by living authors, (2) Science, and (3) History, with a very few exceptions, which are mentioned rather in their literary aspect." In his lecture he recommended Don Quixote and Epictetus, which, however, do not appear in this list. After the discussion was over he published in the *Contemporary Review* a complete list, which will be found farther on.

NON-CHRISTIAN MORALISTS.

Marcus Aurelius	"Meditations."
Confucius	"Analects."
Aristotle	"Ethics."
Mahomet	"Koran."

THEOLOGY AND DEVOTION.

"Apostolic Fathers".....	Wake's Collection.
St. Augustine.....	"Confessions."
Thomas a Kempis.....	"Imitation."
Pascal.....	"Pensees."
Spinoza.....	"Tractatus Theologico Politicus."
Butler.....	"Analogy."
Jeremy Taylor.....	"Holy Living and Holy Dying."
Keble.....	"Christian Year."
Bunyan.....	"Pilgrim's Progress."

CLASSICS.

Aristotle	"Politics."
Plato.....	} "Phædo."
Æsop.....	} "Republic."
Demosthenes.....	"Fables."
Lucretius.....	"De Corona."
Plutarch.....	
Horace.....	

Cicero { "De Officiis,
"De Amicitia,"
"De Senectute,"

EPIC POETRY.

Homer....."Iliad" and "Odyssey,"
Hesiod,	
Virgil,	
Nibelungenlied,	
Malory"Morte d' Arthur."

EASTERN POETRY.

"Mahabharata".....	} Epitomized by Talboys Wheeler.
"Ramayana".....	
Firdausi.....	"Shahnameh" (Translated by Atkinson).
"Sheking" (Chinese Odes).	

GREEK DRAMATISTS.

Æschylus..... { "Prometheus."
"House of Atreus,"
Trilogy,
or "Persæ,"

Sophocles....."Œdipus" Trilogy.
Euripides....."Medea"
Aristophanes....."The Knights."

HISTORY.

Herodotus.	
Xenophon "Anabasis."
Thucydides.	
Tacitus "Germania."
Gibbon "Decline and Fall."
Voltaire.....	{ "Charles XII.," or "Louis XIV."
Hume "England."
Grote "Greece."

PHILOSOPHY.

Bacon.....	"Novum Organum,"
Mill.....	{ "Logic."
	{ "Political Economy."
Darwin.....	"Origin of Species."
Smith.....	"Wealth of Nations" (selection).
Berkeley.....	"Human Knowledge."
Descartes.....	"Discours sur la Methode."
Locke.....	"Conduct of the Understanding."
Lewes.....	"History of Philosophy."

TRAVELS.

Cook "Voyages."
Darwin..... "Naturalist on *Beagle*."

POETRY AND GENERAL LITERATURE.

Shakespeare.
Milton.
Dante,
Spenser.
Scott.
Wordsworth.
Pope.
Southey.
Longfellow.
Goldsmith "Vicar of Wakefield."
Swift..... "Gulliver's Travels."
Defoe..... "Robinson Crusoe."
"The Arabian Nights."
Boswell. "Johnson."
Burke..... Select Works.
Essayists:—
Addison.
Hume.
Montaigne.
Macaulay.
Emerson.
Moliere.
Sheridan.
Carlyle { "Past and Present."
 { "French Revolution."

Goethe..... } "Faust."
 } "Wilhelm Meister."
 Marivaux..... "La Vie de Marianne."

MODERN FICTION.

Selections from —
 Thackeray.
 Dickens.
 George Eliot.
 Kingsley.
 Scott.
 Bulwer-Lytton.

From Lord Coleridge (Chief Justice).

Generally speaking, I think Sir John Lubbock's list a very good one, as far as I know the books which compose it. But I know nothing of Chinese and Sanscrit; and have no opinion whatever about the Chinese and Sanscrit works he refers to. To the classics I should add Catullus, Propertius, Ovid (in selections), Pindar, and the pastoral writers, Theocritus, Bion, and Moschus.

I should find a place among epic poets for Tasso, Ariosto, and I should suppose Camoens, though I know him only in translation. With the *poem* of Malory on the "Morte d'Arthur," I am quite unacquainted; Malory's prose romance under that title is familiar to many readers from Southey's reprint of (I think) Caxton's edition of it.

Among the Greek dramatists, I should give a more prominent place to Euripides — the friend of Socrates, the idol of Menander, the admiration of Milton and Charles Fox; and I should exclude Aristophanes, whose splendid genius does not seem to me to atone for the baseness and vulgarity of his mind. In history, I shall exclude Hume, as mere waste of time now to read, and include Tacitus and Livy and Lord Clarendon and Sismondi. I do not know enough about philosophy to offer any opinion.

In poetry and general literature, I should certainly include Dryden and some plays of Ben Jonson and Ford and Massinger and Shirley and Webster, Gray, Collins, Coleridge, Charles Lamb, De Quincey, Bolingbroke, Sterne, and I should substitute Bryant for Longfellow, and most certainly I should add Cowper.

In fiction I should add Miss Austen, "Clarissa," "Tom Jones," "Humphrey Clinker;" and certainly exclude Kingsley.

From Hon. E. J. Phelps.

Sir John Lubbock's list already published is excellent, and perhaps cannot be improved. It is difficult to take from it, and, in trying to add, one encounters the embarrassment of riches. Taking that as a foundation, were I to put my own inclination in the place of his better judgment, I should venture to increase it in general literature by the essays of Bacon, Johnson, Sterne, John Wilson, Carlyle, and Washington Irving, and the greater speeches of Webster. In poetry by Chaucer, Dryden, Goldsmith, Gray, Coleridge, Burns, Byron, and Bryant. In fiction, by Cervantes and Le Sage, and all of Thackeray and Dickens that Sir John omits. In history, by Clarendon, Hallam, Macaulay, and the Americans Motley and Prescott. In political science, by Montesquieu's "Spirit of Laws," Guizot's "Civilization," and De Tocqueville's "Democracy." In the fine arts, by Lübke's "History of Art," Kugler's "Italian, Flemish, and Spanish Painters," Taylor's "Fine Art in Great Britain," and Fergusson's "History of Architecture."

If these additions carry the list beyond the limit, rather than lose my favorites I would make room for them by cutting down somewhat the selections from translations of classical and oriental literature, and from philosophy and theology, though retaining always in the latter John Bunyan and Jeremy Taylor.

From Mr. Ruskin.

Putting my pen lightly through the needless — and blottesquely through the rubbish and poison of Sir John's list — I leave enough for a life's liberal reading and choice for any true worker's loyal

reading.* I should add one quite vital and essential book, Livy (the first two books), and three plays of Aristophanes (Clouds, Birds, and Plutus). Of travels I read myself all old ones I can get hold of; of modern, Humboldt is the central model. . . .

Ever faithfully yours,

J. R.

[He subsequently wrote the following letter, which deals generally with the subject of the choice of the books, and also gives his reasons for some of the emendations in the foregoing list.]

Several points have been left out of consideration both by you and by Sir John Lubbock, in your recent inquiries and advices concerning books. Especially Sir John, in his charming description of the pleasures of reading for the nineteenth century, leaves curiously out of mention its miseries; and I find nobody laying down, to begin with, any one canon or test by which a good book is to be known from a bad one.

Neither does it seem to enter into the respondent minds to ask, in any case, whom or what the book is to be good *for* — young people or old, sick or strong, innocent or worldly; to make the giddy sober, or the grave gay. Above all, they do not distinguish between books for the laborer and the schoolman; and the idea that any well-conducted mortal life could find leisure enough to read a hundred books would have kept me wholly silent on the matter, but that I was fain, when you sent me Sir John's list, to strike out, for my own pupils' sake, the books I would forbid them to be plagued with.

For, of all the plagues that afflict mortality, the venom of a bad book to weak people, and the charms of a foolish one to simple people, are without question the deadliest; and they are so far from being redeemed by the too imperfect work of the best writers, that I never would wish to see a child taught to read at all, unless the other conditions of its education were alike gentle and judicious.

And to put the matter into anything like tractable order at all, you must first separate the scholar from the public. A well-trained gentleman should, of course, know the literature of his own country, and half a dozen classics thoroughly, glancing at what else he likes; but, unless he wishes to travel or to receive strangers, there is no need for his troubling himself with the languages or literature of modern Europe. I know French pretty well myself. I never recollect the gender of anything, and don't know more than the present indicative of any verb; but with a dictionary I can read a novel — and the result is my wasting a great deal of time over Scribe, Dumas and Gaboriau, and becoming a weaker and more foolish person in all manner of ways therefrom. French scientific books are, however, out and out, the best in the world; and, of course, if a man is to be scientific, he should know both French and Italian. The best German books should at once be translated into French, for the world's sake, by the French Academy; — Mr. Lowell is altogether right in pointing out that nobody with respect for his eyesight can read them in the original.

I have no doubt there is a great deal of literature in the East, in which people who live in the East, or travel there, may be rightly interested. I have read three or four pages of the translation of the Koran, and never want to read any more; the Arabian Nights many times over, and much wish, now, I had been better employed.

As for advice to scholars in general, I do not see how any modest scholar could venture to advise another. Every man has his own field, and can only by his own sense discover what is good for him in it. I will venture, however, to protest, somewhat

*Mr. Ruskin struck out all the "Non-Christian Moralists;" from "Theology and Devotion," all except Jeremy Taylor and Bunyan; from the "Classics," Lucretius (but *all* of Plato must be read); from "Epic Poetry," the Nibelungenlied and Malory, adding Pindar; from the "Greek Dramatists," Sophocles and Euripides; from "History," Gibbon, Voltaire, Hume and Grote; from "Philosophy," all except Bacon, adding the New Atlantis; from "Travels" all; from "Poetry and General Literature," Southey, Longfellow, Swift, Macaulay, Emerson, Goethe, and Marivaux (everything of Carlyle must be read); from "Modern Fiction," all except Dickens and Scott ("every word" of the latter must be read).

sharply, against Sir John's permission to read any book fast. To do anything fast—that is to say, at a greater rate than that at which it can be done well—is a folly; but of all follies reading fast is the least excusable. You miss the points of a book by doing so, and misunderstand the rest. . . .

But I did not begin this talk to recommend anything, but to ask you to give me room to answer questions, of which I receive many by letter, why I effaced such and such books from Sir John's list.

1. *Grote's History of Greece*.—Because there is probably no commercial establishment between Charing Cross and the Bank, whose head clerk could not write a better one, if he had the vanity to waste his time on it.

2. *Confessions of St. Augustine*.—Because religious people nearly always think too much about themselves; and there are many saints whom it is much more desirable to know the history of. St. Patrick to begin with—especially in present times.

3. *John Stuart Mill*.—Sir John Lubbock ought to have known that his day was over.

4. *Charles Kingsley*.—Because his sentiment is false and his tragedy frightful. People who buy cheap clothes are not punished in real life by catching fevers; social inequalities are not to be redressed by tailors falling in love with bishops, daughters, or gamekeepers with squires; and the story of "Hypatia" is the most ghastly in Christian tradition, and should forever have been left in silence.

5. *Darwin*.—Because it is every man's duty to know what he is, and not to think of the embryo he was, nor the skeleton that he shall be. Because, also, Darwin has a mortal fascination for all vainly curious and idly speculative persons, and has collected, in the train of him, every impudent imbecility in Europe, like a dim comet wagging its useless tail of phosphorescent nothing across the steadfast stars.

6. *Gibbon*.—Primarily, none but the malignant and the weak study the Decline and Fall either of state or organism. Dissolution and putrescence are alike common and unclean in all things; any wretch or simpleton may observe for himself, and experience himself, the processes of ruin; but good men study, and wise men describe, only the growth and standing of things,—not their decay.

For the rest, Gibbon's is the worst English that was ever written by an educated Englishman. Having no imagination and little logic, he is alike incapable either of picturesqueness or wit; his epithets are malicious without point, sonorous without weight, and have no office but to make a flat sentence turgid.

7. *Voltaire*.—His work is, in comparison with good literature, what nitric acid is to wine, and sulphuretted hydrogen to air. Literary chemists cannot but take account of the sting and stench of him; but he has no place in the library of a thoughtful scholar. Every man of sense knows more of the world than Voltaire can tell him; and what he wishes to express of such knowledge he will say without a snarl.

I cannot here enter into another very grave and wide question which neither the *Pall Mall* nor its respondents ask respecting literature for the young, but will merely point out one total want in the present confused supply of it—that of intelligible books on natural history. I chanced at breakfast the other day to wish I knew something of the biography of a shrimp, the rather that I was under the impression of having seen jumping shrimps on a sandy shore express great satisfaction in their life. My shelves are loaded with books on natural history, but I could find nothing about shrimps except that "they swim in the water, or lie upon the sand in shoals, and are taken in multitudes for the table."

JOHN RUSKIN.

From Miss Braddon.

My reading has been for the most part so desultory, and so much less in amount than I could have wished, that I feel myself in no way qualified to advise others what they should read or avoid

reading. I can, however, tell you the authors whose books have given me most pleasure:

In Fiction—Dickens, Bulwer, Scott, Thackeray, Jane Austen, Charles Reade, George Eliot, and Wilkie Collins; Balzac and Daudet; Von Hillern, Marlitt, and Auerbach.

In Poetry—Chaucer, Shakspeare, Milton, Pope, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, and Browning; Victor Hugo and Alfred de Musset; Heine. All other poets in a lesser degree and at a distance from these.

In General Literature—Bacon's Essays, Milton's Prose Works, Jeremy Taylor, Addison, Steele, De Quincey, Jeffrey, Macaulay's Essays, Southey's Commonplace Book, Buckle's Miscellanies, Carlyle's Miscellanies; Voltaire, Taine, Sainte Beuve, Janin, Renan, Augier, Sardou, Molière.

In History—Gibbon, Hume, Macaulay, Carlyle, Lord Mahon, Froude, and Grote; Michelet, Sismondi, Lamartine, Voltaire.

In Metaphysics—Professor Jowett's Plato, Victor Cousin. Of Goethe's "Faust" I have been a devoted student, but could not struggle through "Wilhelm Meister."

M. E. BRADDON.

From Mr. Wilkie Collins.

I add one more to the number of reckless people who astonish Sir John Lubbock by devoting little care to the selection of what they read. I pick up the literature that happens to fall in my way, and live upon it as well as I can—like the sparrows that are picking up the crumbs outside my window while I write. If I may still quote my experience of myself, let me add that I have never got any good out of a book unless the book interested me in the first instance. When I find that reading becomes an effort instead of a pleasure, I shut up the volume, respecting the eminent author, and admiring my enviable fellow-creatures who have succeeded where I have failed. These sentiments have been especially lively in me (to give an example) when I have laid aside in despair "Clarissa Harlowe," "La Nouvelle Héloïse," the plays of Ben Jonson, Burke on "The Sublime and Beautiful," Hallam's "Middle Ages," and Roscoe's "Life of Leo the Tenth." Is a person with this good reason to blush for himself (if he was only young enough to do it) the right sort of person to produce a list of books for readers in search of a liberal education? You will agree with me that he is capable of seriously recommending Sterne's "Sentimental Journey," as the best book of travels that has ever been written, and Byron's "Childe Harold" as the grandest poem which the world has seen since the first publication of "Paradise Lost."

After this confession, if I nevertheless venture to offer a few suggestions, will you trust my honesty, even while you doubt my discretion? In any case, the tomb of literature is close by you. You can give me decent burial in the waste-paper basket.

To begin with, what is a liberal education? If I stood at my house door, and put that question to the first ten intelligent-looking persons who passed by, I believe I should receive ten answers all at variance one with the other. My own ideas cordially recognize any system of education the direct tendency of which is to make us better Christians. Looking over Sir John Lubbock's list from this point of view—that is to say, assuming that the production of a good citizen represents the most valuable result of a liberal education—I submit that the best book which your correspondent has recommended is "The Vicar of Wakefield"—and of the many excellent schoolmasters (judging them by their works) in whose capacity for useful teaching he believes, the two in whom I, for my part, most implicitly trust are Walter Scott and Charles Dickens. Holding these extraordinary opinions, if you asked me to pick out a biographical work for general reading, I should choose (after Boswell's supremely great book, of course) Lockhart's "Life of Scott." Let the general reader follow my advice, and he will find himself not only introduced to the greatest genius that has ever written novels, but provided with the example of a man modest, just, generous, resolute, and merciful; a man whose very

faults and failings have been transformed into virtues through the noble atonement that he offered, at the peril and the sacrifice of his life.

Let me not forget that the question of literary value must also be considered in recommending books, for this good reason, that positive literary value means positive literary attraction to the general reader.

Dr. Kane (in "Arctic Explorations") and Mr. George Melville (in "The Lena Delta") are neither of them consummate masters of the English language; but they possess the rare and admirable gift of being able to make other people see what they have seen themselves. When you meet with travelers who are unable to do this, you will get nothing out of them but weariness of spirit. Shut up their books.

Read Marryat's "Peter Simple" and "Midshipman Easy," and enjoy true humor and masterly knowledge of human nature. Let my dear lost friend, Charles Reade, seize on your interest, and never allow it to drop from beginning to end in "Hard Cash." Let Dumas keep you up all night over "Monte Cristo," and Balzac draw tears that honor him and honor you in "Père Goriot." Last, not least, do justice to a good writer, shamefully neglected at the present time in England and America alike, who invented the sea story, and created the immortal character of "Leather Stocking." Read "The Pilot" and "Jack Tier," read "The Deerslayer" and "The Pathfinder," and I believe you will be almost as grateful to Fenimore Cooper as I am.

It is time to have done. If I attempted to enumerate all the books that I might honestly recommend, I should employ as many secretaries as Napoleon the Great, and I should find nobody bold enough to read me to the end. As it is, some critical persons may object that there runs all through this letter the prejudice that might have been anticipated in a writer of what heavy people call "light literature." No, sir. My prejudice is in favor of the only useful books that I know of—books in all departments of literature which invite the general reader, as distinguished from books that repel him. If it is answered that profitable reading is a matter of duty first and a matter of pleasure afterwards, let me shelter myself under the authority of Doctor Johnson. Never mind what I say—hear him (Boswell, vol. ii., page 213, ed. 1859): "I would not advise a rigid adherence to a particular plan of study. I myself have never persisted in any plan for two days together. A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good."

I first read those admirable words (in an earlier edition of Boswell) when I was a boy at school. What a consolation they were to me when I could not learn my lesson! What consolation they may still offer to bigger boys, in the same predicament, among books recommended to them by the highest authorities!

Believe me, sir, faithfully yours,

WILKIE COLLINS.

From Mr. Henry Irving.

Before a hundred books commend me first to the study of two—the Bible and Shakespeare.

HENRY IRVING.

From Archdeacon Farrar.

By "the Best Hundred Books" I suppose that you mean those which are of the most permanent and intrinsic worth to us at the present time, not those which we happen to like best or to read most frequently.

There are five great sources of human knowledge—nature, conscience, history, experience, and all those inspired utterances of genius and intuition, whether Jewish or Ethnic, which make us see the things that are and see them as they are. If, therefore, you mean by "the Best Hundred Books" those which are most necessary for a complete culture, it would be necessary to include

various histories, biographies, and books of science which are relatively indispensable because they record the facts, or explain the phenomena, which are essential to our highest education.

But if all the books of the world were in a blaze the first twelve which I should snatch out of the flames would be the Bible, the "Imitatio Christi," Homer, Æschylus, Thucydides, Tacitus, Virgil, Marcus Aurelius, Dante, Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth.

Of living writers I would save first the works of Tennyson, Browning, and Ruskin.

Yours obediently,

FREDERIC W. FARRAR.

From Dr. J. E. C. Welldon, Head Master of Harrow.

You will do society a great service if by drawing attention to the best books of all the ages you can succeed in making young people believe there is something very much better worth reading than the newspapers and magazines of to-day. Without any thought of improving the lists of 100 books which have been sent you by so many distinguished people, I have tried to think how I should answer a boy's question if he were to ask me at any point of his school life what books it were best worth while to read before the end (let me say) of his thirtieth year.

The Bible.		Carlyle.....	{ "Sartor Resartus" "French Revolution"
Marcus Aurelius.....	"Meditations"	Bacon.....	"Novum Organum"
Aristotle.....	"Ethics"	Darwin.....	"Origin of Species"
St. Augustine.....	"Confessions"	Adam Smith..	"Wealth of Nations" (Selection)
Thomas a Kempis.....	"Imitation"	Locke.....	"Conduct of the Understanding"
Pascal.....	"Pensees"	Burke.....	Select Works
Butler.....	"Analogy"	Addison.	
Jeremy Taylor.....	{ "Holy Living" "Holy Dying"	Montaigne.	
Bunyan.....	"Pilgrim's Progress"		
Hooker.....	"Ecclesiastical Polity"		
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Aristotle.....	"Politics"	Cook.....	"Voyages"
Plato.....	{ "Phædro" "Republic"	Darwin.	"Naturalist on the <i>Beagle</i> "
Demosthenes.....	"De Corna"	<hr/>	
Plutarch.		Arabian Nights.	
Horace.		Cervantes.....	"Don Quixote"
Homer.		Shakespeare.	
Virgil.....	"Æneid"	Milton.	
Æschylus.....	{ "Prometheus" "House of Atreus"	Dante.	
Sophocles.....	"Trilogy"	Wordsworth.	
Euripides.....	{ "Alcestis" "Medea"	Goldsmith...	"Vicar of Wakefield"
Aristophanes.....	{ "The Knights" "Frogs" "Clouds"	Swift.....	"Gulliver's Travels"
Herodotus.		Defoe.....	"Robinson Crusoe"
Thucydides.		Boswell.....	"Johnson"
Tacitus.....	{ "Germania" "Agricola"	Moliere.	
Gibbon.....	"Decline and Fall"	Sheridan.	
Hume.....	"England"	Goethe.....	"Faust" Part 1
Grote.....	"Greece"	Tennyson.....	"In Memoriam"
Mommsen.....	"Rome"	Keats.	
Macaulay.		Lessing.....	"Laocoon"
		Ruskin.....	"Stones of Venice"
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		Thackeray.....	Selections from
		Dickens.....	"
		Miss Austen.....	"
		Scott.....	All

Prof. Max Muller, Oxford.

If I were to tell you what I really think of the Hundred Best Books, I am afraid you would call me the greatest literary heretic or an utter ignoramus. I know few books, if any, which I should call good from beginning to end. Take the greatest poet of antiquity, and if I am to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, I must say that there are long passages even in Homer which seem to me extremely tedious. Take the greatest, or at all events one of the greatest, poets of our century, and again I must confess that not a few of Goethe's writings seem to me not worth a second reading. There are gems in the most famous, there are gems in the least known of poets, but there is not a single poet, so far as I know, who has not written too much, and who

could claim a place for all his works in what may be called a Library of World Literature.

The passages, and in many cases the whole poems too, which I should really place on those historic shelves, are those which I can read again and again, wondering more and more every time how a man could have written them. That happens to me not only in going over Homer, Dante, Shakespeare, and Goethe, but likewise in reading Heine, or Eichendorff, or Rückert, or a poem so utterly unknown as "The Doctor," by the author of "Fo'e's'le Yarns." The same amazement comes over me when reading Spinoza's "Ethics"—nay, even in studying Panini's Grammar of Sanskrit—a work, to my mind, without an equal anywhere—nay, I am not afraid to say so, truly miraculous; for the more I study it the less do I understand how one man could have composed it. I know I shall never hear the last of this; but you want my honest opinion, and as such I give you. Of course, if we have any object in reading books beyond the mere delight which they give us, works artistically most imperfect may claim their place among the best books of the world. What can be more tedious than the Vedas, and yet what can be more interesting, if once we know that it is the first word spoken by the Aryan man? What can be more repellent than Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason," and yet what can be more fascinating, if once we know that it is the last word spoken by the Aryan man?

You see the best books are not the best books for everybody. Some of the best, say Michael Angelo's Sonnets, are appreciated by a very small circle of friends indeed. But take the most famous writers, those whose names you would find on every list of the "Best Books," and you will see that what is called gold by one critic is called rubbish by another. Aristotle's name would hardly be absent from any list of world literature; yet this is what Hobbes, one of the strongest and keenest intellects that England has ever produced, writes of him: "I believe that scarce anything can be more absurdly said in natural philosophy than that which now is called Aristotle's Metaphysics, nor more repugnant to government than that much that he hath said in his Politics, nor more ignorantly than a great part of his Ethics."

If a man like Hobbes speaks thus of Aristotle, what right have I to do what you ask me to do, and to leave in or leave out the very first name on Sir John Lubbock's list of the Classics of the World—namely, that of Aristotle? I pray thee, have me excused.

Prof. J. S. Blackie, LL. D.

No man, it appears to me, can tell another what he ought to read. A man's reading, to be of any value, must depend on his power of assimilation; and that again depends on his tendencies, his capacities, his surroundings, and his opportunities. But a man may reasonably say to another that there are certain epochs in the history of the race so significant, certain men as the creature forces in those epochs so prominent, and certain types, aspects, and attitudes of physical nature so eloquent with divine wisdom, that to be ignorant of them shows a man to be of a narrow, isolated nature, cut off from all those streams of moral and intellectual wealth which the past is ever pouring into the veins of the present, and with which the powers of the physical world are constantly stimulating the unblunted sense; and there are certain books which may be named as the best helps towards sharing in this wealth, though of course it is not the particular book but the subject of the book that is important; and if a man only comes face to face with a great subject or a great personality, it is of little consequence through what channel or channels he arrives at the result. But in attempting to frame such a list as that put forth by Sir John Lubbock, it is also of the utmost importance to keep in view what sort of persons we are favoring with our advice; and here I see two altogether different classes of readers—those who have large leisure and have gone through a regular process of severe intellectual discipline, and those who can only redeem a few hours daily,

if so much, to fill up the gaps left in the hasty architecture of their early attempt at self-culture. To this latter class belong a great number of young men who in our busy centers of trade and commerce are found to associate themselves into clubs or unions for the sake of moral and intellectual improvement. This is the class to which advice of the kind that has been offered is likely to be most useful; those on a higher platform are more able to shape a course for themselves; and I shall accordingly omit in the list which I append not a few names of the highest significance which are practically beyond the reach of the class to which I allude. To a political student on the highest platform, of course, Aristotle and Thucydides are supreme authorities; but it would be unreasonable to expect that the mass of intelligent young men in our great cities, untrained in intellectual gymnastics and unfurnished with scholarly aids, should set themselves systematically to grapple with severe thinkers of this type. Metaphysics and metaphysical theology I have excluded from similar practical considerations. All attempts of the finite mind to take the measure of the infinite must always be more or less unsatisfactory; and whatever good may accrue to a certain class of thinkers from the study of Spinoza, Hegel, and Herbert Spencer, it is wiser to remit the great majority of thoughtful persons to the healthy instincts of such broadly human poets as Homer, Shakespeare, Walter Scott and Robert Burns, and especially also to the Book of Job, and to those of the Psalms of David, such as the xix., the ciii., the civ., and the cvii., which are most broadly human and least specially Jewish in their range and in their tone.

I.—HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY.

The Bible.
Homer.
Wilkinson's Ancient Egyptians.
Max Von Duncker's History of the Ancient World.
Plutarch's Lives.
Herodotus.
History of Greece—Grote or Curtius.
History of Rome—Arnold or Mommsen.
Menzel's History of the Germans.
Green's History of the English People.
Life of Charlemagne.
Life of Pope Hildebrand.
The Crusades.
Sismondi's History of the Italian Republics.
Prescott's Mexico and Peru.
"Ferdinand and Isabella.
Italy, by Professor Spalding.
Chronicles of Froissart.
The Normans—Freeman and Thierry.
Motley's Dutch Republic.
Life of Gustavus Adolphus.
The French Revolution—Thiers, Carlyle, Alison.
Bourrienne's Life of Napoleon.
Wellington's Peninsular Campaign.
Southey's Life of Nelson.
America—Bancroft.
The Stuart Rising of 1745, by Robert Chambers.
Carlyle's Life of Cromwell.
Forster's Statesmen of the Commonwealth.
Life of Dr. Arnold—Stanley.
Life of Dr. Norman Macleod.
Life of Baron Bunsen.
Neander's Church History.
Life of Luther.
History of the Covenanters, Dodds.
Dean Stanley's Jewish Church.
Milman's Latin Christianity.

II.—RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Bible.
Socrates in Plato and Xenophon.
Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, Meditations.

Epictetus, Seneca.
The Hitopadesa and Dialogues of Krishna.
St. Augustine's Confessions.
Jeremy Taylor.
Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.
James Martineau.
Æsop's Fables.

III.—POETRY AND FICTION.

Homer.
Virgil.
Dante.
The Nibelungen Lay.
The Morte d'Arthur.
Chaucer.
Shakespeare.
Spenser.
Goethe—Faust, Meister, and Eckermann's Conversations.
Milton.
Pope.
Cowper.
Campbell.
Wordsworth.
Walter Scott.
Burns.
Charles Lamb.
Dean Swift, "Tale of a Tub," "Gulliver's Travels."
Tennyson.
Browning.
Don Quixote.
Goldsmith, "Vicar of Wakefield."
George Eliot.
Dickens.
"Robinson Crusoe."
Andersen's Fairy Tales, "Mother Bunch," Grimm's Household Stories.
Popular Songs and Ballads, specially Scotch, English, Irish, and German.

IV.—FINE ARTS.

Fergusson's History of Architecture.
Ruskin.
Tyrwhitt.
V.—POLITICS AND POLITICAL ECONOMY.
De Tocqueville.
John Stuart Mill.

Fawcett.
Laveleye.
Adam Smith.
Cornwall Lewis.
Lord Brougham.
Sir J. Lubbock.

VI.—SCIENCE AND PHILOLOGY.

J. G. Wood's Books on Natural History.

White's Natural History of Selborne.
Geology: Hugh Miller, Ramsay, Geikie, Ansted.
Botany: General Elements of British.
Science of Language, Trench and Farrar, Max Muller, Taylor's Words and Places.

VII.—VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

In every variety; specially the old collection.

From Mr. H. M. Stanley.

You ask me what books I carried with me to take across Africa. I carried a great many—three loads, or about 180 lbs. weight; but as my men lessened in numbers, stricken by famine, fighting, and sickness, one by one they were reluctantly thrown away, until finally, when less than 300 miles from the Atlantic, I possessed only the Bible, Shakespeare, Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus," Norie's Navigation, and the Nautical Almanac for 1877. Poor Shakespeare was afterwards burned by demand of the foolish people of Zinga. At Bonea Carlyle and Norie and Nautical Almanac were pitched away, and I had only the old Bible left. But the following was my list of books on setting out with a tidy battalion of men:

The Bible,
Norie's Navigation.
Inman's Navigation and Tables.
Nautical Almanacs, 1874, '75, '76, '77.
Manual of Scientific Inquiry.
What to Observe.
Darwin's Origin of Species.
Lyell's Principles of Geology.
Herodotus.
Horace.
Juvenal.
Thucydides.
Xenophon.
Plutarch.
Evelyn's Diary.
Pepys' Diary.
Gibbon's Decline and Fall.
The Koran.
The Talmud.
Johnson's Lives of Poets.
Gil Blas.
Don Quixote.
Arabian Nights.
Hudibras.
Homer's Iliad.
Homer's Odyssey.
Virgil's Æneid.
Shakespeare.
Milton.
Byron.
Scott.
Moore.
Pope.
Thomson.
Longfellow.
Tennyson.

Cowper.
Hugh Miller's Old Red Sandstone.
Dictionary of Biography.
Dictionary of Geography.
Dictionary of Dates.
Dictionary of the Bible.
Dictionary of Natural History.
Dictionary of Science and Literature.
Caesar's Commentaries.
Faerie Queen.
Selections Old English Dramatists.
Dicks' English Plays.
Boswell's Johnson.
Selections from Ruskin.
Roscoe's German, Italian and Spanish Novels.
Scott's Ivanhoe, Talisman, Guy Mannering, Quentin Durward.
Bronte's Jane Eyre.
Dickens' Mutual Friend.
Dickens' David Copperfield.
Thackeray's Esmond.
Hawthorne's Transformation.
George Eliot's Middlemarch.
Irving's Columbus.
Irving's Conquest of Grenada.
Prescott's Conquest of Mexico.
John Halifax, Gentleman.
Whyte Melville's Gladiator.
Lytton's Rienzi.
Lytton's Last of the Barons.
Lytton's Harold.
Lytton's Caxtons.
Sterne's Tristram Shandy.
King's Hypatia.
Kingsley's Hereward the Wake.

After the march, unless there was any fighting, or observations for position to take, one of these books was sure to be taken up and occupied the afternoon and then evening until 9 p.m., when what with fatigue, reading, and a necessity to be up at 5 a.m., I would soon be asleep. Many of these books are still in Africa, along the line of march, and will be kept as fetishes until some African antiquarian will pick some of them up a century hence, and wonder how on earth "Jane Eyre," printed in 1870, came to be in Iturn, or Thackeray's "Esmond," Dickens and Scott came to be preserved among the lubari of Gambaragara.

From Viscount General Wolseley.

A General has but very little time for reading—at least I never can find time when in the field. During the Mutiny and China war I carried a Testament, two volumes of Shakespeare that con-

tained his best plays; and since then, when in the field, I have always carried—

Book of Common Prayer, Thomas a Kempis,
Soldier's Pocket Book—

depending on a well-organized postal service to supply me weekly with plenty of newspapers,

The book that I like reading at odd moments is "The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius."

When I am going on any distant expedition for a lengthened time, I should add to those I have mentioned above the following books:

HISTORY.

Creasy's Decisive Battles.
Plutarch's "Lives."
Voltaire's "Charles XII."
"Caesar," by Froude.
Hume's "England."

FICTION.

Macaulay's "History of England" and his Essays.

MR FROUDE wrote: "People must choose their own reading, and Sir John Lubbock's list will do for a guide as well as others."

MRS. CRAIK (the author of "John Halifax") "always thinks readers know best how to choose their own books—what they like, and (equally important) what it is in their power to get."

Sir John Lubbock's Final List.

All these opinions having been read, Sir John Lubbock wrote as follows:

"My most sanguine hopes have been realized by the valuable discussion which has taken place; and my list has been far more favorably received than I had ever ventured to hope. It will be observed that while large additions, amounting to several hundred works in all, have been proposed, very few omissions have been suggested. As regards the few works with reference to which doubts have been expressed—namely, the few Oriental books, the Apostolic Fathers, etc.—I may observe that I drew up the list, not as that of the hundred best books, but, which is very different, of those which on the whole are perhaps best worth reading.

"For instance, as regards the 'Sheking' and the 'Analects' of Confucius, I must humbly confess that I do not greatly admire either, but I recommended them because they are held in the most profound veneration by the Chinese race, containing 400,000,000 of our fellow-men. I may add that both works are quite short. The 'Ramayana' and 'Maha Bharata' (as epitomized by Wheeler) and St. Hilaire's 'Bouddha' are not only very interesting in themselves, but very important in reference to our great Oriental Empire.

"As regard the Apostolic Fathers, I cannot say that I found their writings either very interesting or instructive, but they are also very short, and as the only works (which have come down to us) of those who lived with and knew the Apostles, it seemed to me that they are well worth reading.

"I have been surprised at the great divergence of opinion which has been expressed. Nine of your correspondents have favored us with lists of some length. These lists contain some 300 works not mentioned by me (without, however, any corresponding omissions), and yet there is not one single book which occurs in every list, or even in half of them, and only about half a dozen which appear in more than one of the nine.

"If your correspondents, or even a majority of them, had concurred in any recommendation, I would have availed myself of it; but as they differ so greatly I will allow my list to remain as I first proposed it."

1. The Bible.

2. Marcus Aurelius..... "Meditations."

3. Epictetus.

4. Confucius..... "Analects."

5. "Le Bouddha et sa Religion" (St. Hilaire).

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| 6. Aristotle..... | "Ethics." | 51. Smith..... | "Wealth of Nations" (part of). |
| 7. Mahomet..... | "Koran." | 52. Berkeley..... | "Human Knowledge." |
| 8. "Apostolic Fathers"..... | "Wake's collection." | 53. Descartes..... | "Discours sur la Methode." |
| 9. St. Augustine..... | "Confessions." | 54. Locke..... | "Conduct of the Understanding." |
| 10. Thomas a Kempis..... | "Imitation." | 55. Lewes..... | "History of Philosophy." |
| 11. Pascal..... | "Pensees." | 56. Cook..... | "Voyages." |
| 12. Spinoza..... | "Tractatus Theologico-Politicus." | 57. Humboldt..... | "Travels." |
| 13. Comte..... | "Cat. of Positive Philosophy" (Congreve). | 58. Darwin..... | "Naturalist on the <i>Beagle</i> ." |
| 14. Butler..... | "Analogy." | 59. Shakespeare..... | |
| 15. Jeremy Taylor..... | "Holy Living and Holy Dying." | 60. Milton..... | "Paradise Lost" and the shorter poems. |
| 16. Bunyan..... | "Pilgrim's Progress." | 61. Dante..... | "Divinia Commedia." |
| 17. Kreble..... | "Christian Year." | 62. Spenser..... | "Faerie Queen." |
| 18. Aristotle..... | "Politics." | 63. Dryden's <i>Poems</i> | |
| 19. Plato's Dialogues—at any rate the..... | { "Phædo."
"Republic." | 64. Chaucer..... | Morris's (or, if expurgated, Clarke's or Mrs. Haweis's) edition. |
| 20. Demosthenes..... | "De Corna." | 65. Gray..... | |
| 21. Lucretius..... | | 66. Burns..... | |
| 22. Plutarch..... | | 67. Scott's <i>Poems</i> | |
| 23. Horace..... | | 68. Wordsworth..... | Mr. Arnold's selection. |
| 24. Cicero..... | { "De Officiis."
"De Amicitia."
"De Senectute." | 69. Heine..... | |
| 25. Homer..... | "Iliad" and "Odyssey." | 70. Pope..... | |
| 26. Hesiod..... | | 71. Southey..... | |
| 27. Virgil..... | | 72. Goldsmith..... | "Vicar of Wakefield." |
| 28. Niebelungenlied..... | | 73. Swift..... | "Gulliver's Travels." |
| 29. Malory..... | "Morte d'Arthur." | 74. Defoe..... | "Robinson Crusoe." |
| 30. { "Maha Bharata" } Epitomized by Wheeler in first two vols. of "Hist.
{ "Ramayana" } of India." | | 75. "The Arabian Nights." | |
| 31. Firdusi..... | "Shahnameh." | 76. Cervantes..... | "Don Quixote." |
| 32. "Sheking" (Chinese Odes)..... | | 77. Boswell..... | "Johnson." |
| 33. Æschylus..... | { "Prometheus."
"House of Atreus"
"Trilogy, or "Persæ."
"Cædipus" Trilogy." | 78. Burke..... | Select Works (Payne). |
| 34. Sophocles..... | "Greece." | Essayists:— | |
| 35. Euripides..... | "Medea." | 79. Bacon..... | |
| 36. Aristophanes..... | "The Knights." | 80. Addison..... | |
| 37. Herodotus..... | | 81. Hume..... | |
| 38. Xenophon..... | "Anabasis." | 82. Montaigne..... | |
| 39. Thucydides..... | | 83. Macaulay..... | |
| 40. Tacitus..... | "Germania." | 84. Emerson..... | |
| 41. Livy..... | | 85. Moliere..... | |
| 42. Gibbon..... | "Decline and Fall." | 86. Sheridan..... | |
| 43. Hume..... | "England." | 87. Voltaire..... | "Zadig." |
| 44. Grote..... | "French Revolution." | 88. Carlyle..... | "Past and Present." |
| 45. Carlyle..... | "Short History of England." | 89. Goethe..... | { "Wilhelm Meister,"
"Faust." |
| 46. Green..... | "Novum Organum." | 90. White..... | "Natural History of Selborne." |
| 47. Bacon..... | "Logic." | 91. Smiles..... | "Self Help." |
| 48. Mill..... | "Political Economy." | 92. Miss Austin..... | Either "Emma" or "Pride and Prejudice." |
| 49. "....." | "Origin of Species." | 93. Thackeray..... | "Vanity Fair." |
| 50. Darwin..... | | 94. "....." | "Pendennis." |
| | | 95. Dickens..... | "Pickwick." |
| | | 96. "....." | "David Copperfield." |
| | | 97. George Eliot..... | "Adam Bede." |
| | | 98. Kingsley..... | "Westward Ho!" |
| | | 99. Bulwer Lytton..... | "Last Days of Pompeii." |
| | | 100. Scott's <i>Novels</i> | |



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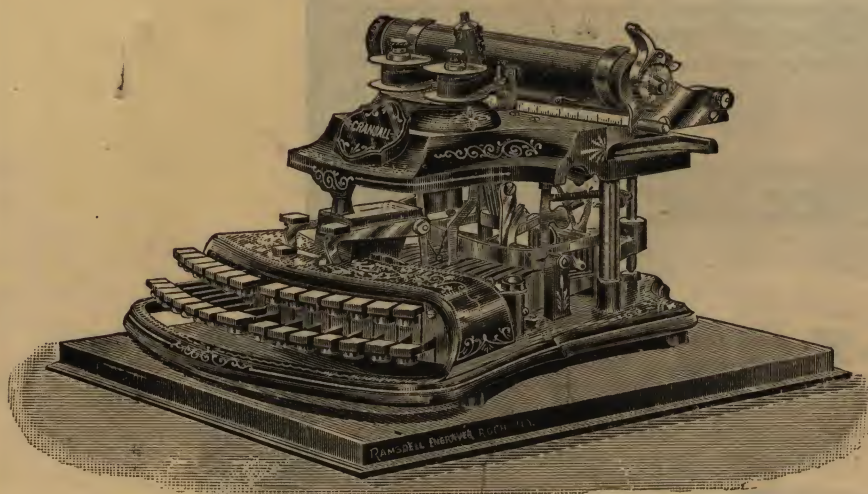
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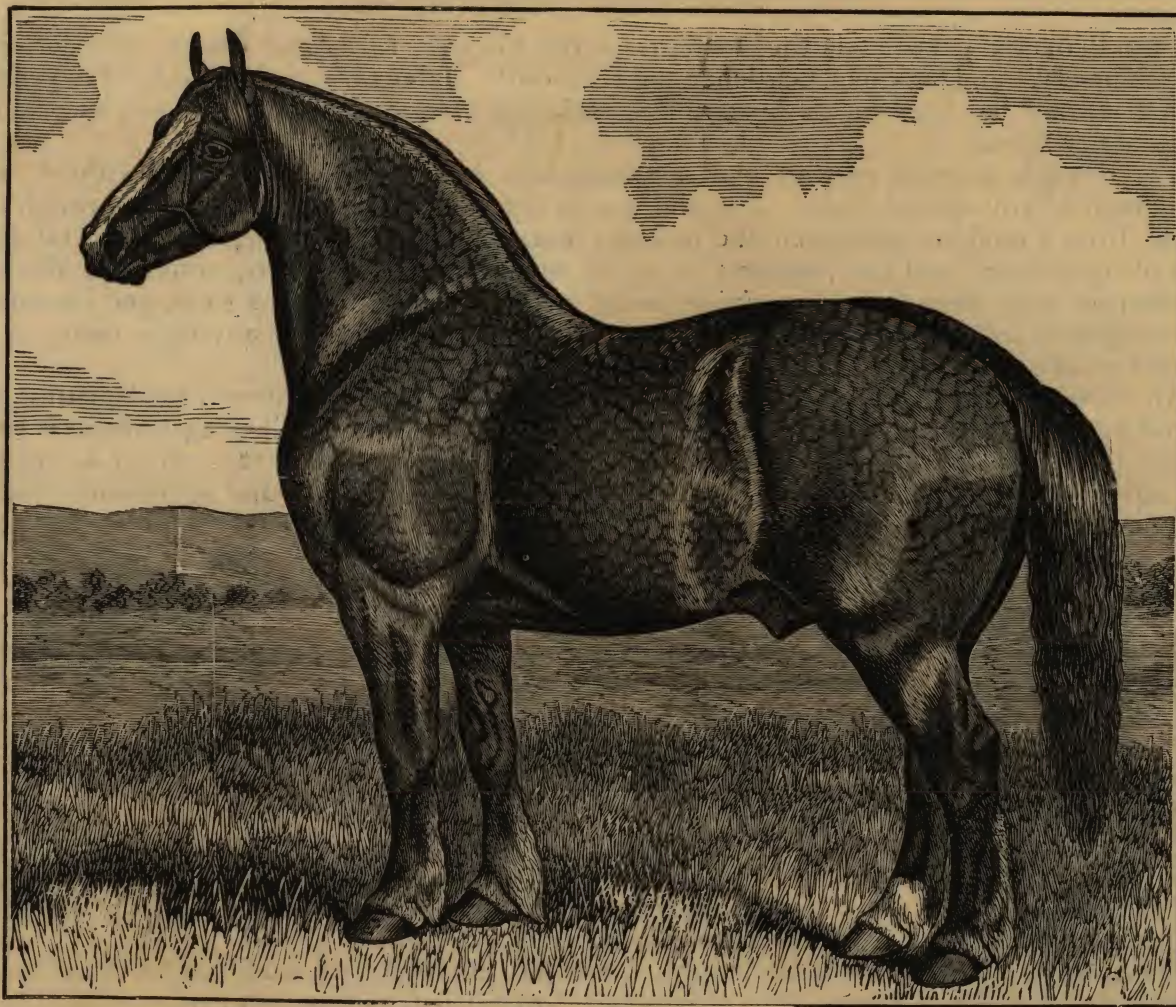
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